



# TOWN OF ERIE NEWS FLASH

## News & Announcements

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### Letter from the Mayor: Erie's Trend Lines Continue to Point Up

When we choose Erie as a place to raise our families and/or grow our business – we are making one of the greatest investments of our lives. My recent letters have provided many examples of why I believe that investment is well placed. And just in case you're looking for more evidence that Erie's trend lines are moving in a positive direction, I'm happy to share the following with you:

- For the second year in a row, the average sales price of a single family home in Erie has increased by over 8%. The January 2016 home sales report indicates Erie is on pace for another impressive year with sales prices up 24% compared to January 2015\*.  
*(\*Colorado Association of Realtors/Boulder Area Realtors Association)*
- Sales tax revenues from all Erie Economic Zones increased 11.3% in 2015 compared to 2014. (That's an actual dollar increase of \$156,546.) And leading the way among all Economic Development Zones is Historic Downtown.
- The revitalization of the Historic Downtown Erie Business District is paying dividends for all of us. With the increase in popularity of Downtown as a destination, it follows that sales tax revenue would increase as well. In fact, Historic Downtown Erie Business District sales tax revenues increased approximately 69% (\$53,139) in 2015 when compared to the previous year.

If you share my enthusiasm for all the positive things that are happening in Erie, I encourage you to consider volunteering to help keep Erie great! There are many ways to contribute to our community. If you have the interest and the time, here are a few suggestions:

- As this is an election year, there are several Town board and commission vacancies coming up. Next month, the Town Clerk will send out notices to those members whose terms are expiring asking if they would like to be considered for another term. In addition we will post notice of all openings. The Board of Trustees will make appointments to our standing advisory boards and various ad hoc committees during our May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please visit our "[Boards & Commissions](#)" page on the Town website to download and complete an application.



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- Each year, our Erie Parks and Recreation Department volunteers give over 9,500 hours to assist with special events, coach youth sports, assist with Active Adult programs and help keep our Town parks and open spaces beautiful. Please visit the "[Volunteer Opportunities](#)" page on our website to learn more. And if you don't have time but know someone who does, you are eligible to receive 2 free guest passes for each volunteer you refer to the Erie Community Center!
- The Chamber of Commerce, Erie Historical Society, and the Erie Optimist Club (just to name a few) all need volunteers throughout the year. Visit the Town's "[Volunteer Opportunities](#)" page for quick links to these organizations.

It is an honor to serve as your Mayor.

Sincerely, Mayor Tina Harris

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